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Opp. Chamb. Action:

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Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Children and Family Services		
<b>Subject:</b> Supervised Visitation in Child Abuse Investigations		<b>Analyst:</b> Patrice Thomas

CHILDREN/ABUSE

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Provides for supervised visitation during child abuse investigations

When child abuse is reported, present law requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Child Protection Investigation (CPI) division to investigate the nature, extent, and cause of abuse or neglect and determine the person responsible for the abuse or neglect. Present law requires that DCFS perform preliminary investigations of all child abuse or neglect reports of high and intermediate levels of risk. Proposed law requires that DCFS incorporate an assessment of visitation orders during the preliminary investigation and securing appropriate protective or restraining order if the parent or caretaker has abused the child.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. This proposed legislation requires that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) perform assessments of existing visitation orders during the preliminary investigations of intermediate or high risk cases in order to determine if an existing visitation order puts the child’s health and safety at risk. Historically, these assessments were performed at the latter stages of an investigation process. There are 16,650 cases of child abuse and neglect per year that are considered intermediate or high risk. As such, the requirements of this proposed legislation can be implemented into the existing practices and normal workload of the Child Protection Investigation (CPI) division at no additional cost.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.